

PUBLIC NOTICE

HOPE Waiver Program

The South Dakota Home and Community Options and Person-Centered Excellence (HOPE) Waiver operated by the Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Long Term Services and Support (LTSS), which serves South Dakotans age 65 and older as well as individuals over the age of 18 who have a qualifying disability, is submitting to renew the waiver. The proposed changes in this renewal are:

- The Administrative Authority performance measures have been updated.
- The language has been updated to ensure that Money Follows the Person providers are able to be reimbursed for transition services up to and including the transition date regardless of HOPE Waiver eligibility; given a preliminary Nursing Facility Level of Care for HOPE Waiver has been determined.
- Residential Respite has been added as a separate service.
- The fitness criteria list of automatic preclusions for caregivers and provider staff entering the homes of consumers has been updated.
- For consumers pursuing Structured Family Caregiving services, the fingerprint background check requirement has been removed for household members over the age of 18 who are not the primary caregiver.
- The Adult Protective Services and Critical Incidents sections of the Waiver have been updated to reflect the specialization of APS and enhance the Critical Incident protocol related to deaths.
- The protocol related to complaints received for HOPE Waiver participants residing in a provider owned and operated setting have been updated to align with complaints received against providers of HOPE Waiver participants residing in the home.
- The rate methodology for Structured Family Caregiving Services has been modified.

The HOPE Waiver renewal and corresponding PowerPoint presentation are available online at <http://dss.sd.gov/keyresources/hearings.aspx> or by contacting the Division of Long Term Services and Supports at 605-773-3656 to request a printed copy.

The proposed HOPE waiver is available for public comment for 30 days beginning May 17th, 2021 through June 16th, 2021. DHS appreciates your questions and comments. Comments may be made by e-mail to hcbs@state.sd.us, by phone at 605-773-3656, or by mail to:

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